

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 and 29-37 are pending in the instant application. All claims presently stand rejected. Claims 1-4, 8, 10-13, and 17 are amended herein. Claims 19-28 are hereby cancelled without prejudice. Claims 29-37 are newly presented. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Office Communication mailed 06/26/2006, the Examiner indicated that he “considers the global interrupt handler to be an essential elements of applicants’ claimed invention and an inherent, essential element in each of applicants’ independent claims.” While Applicants do not concede this point, independent claims 1 and 10 have been amended to include recitation of a “global interrupt handler” to advance prosecution towards a Notice of Allowance in a timely manner and to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. New independent claim 29 also includes recitation of an “interrupt handler”.

The combination of the present Amendment & Response and the Amendment & Response submitted by Applicants on 04/03/06 are a bona fide attempt by Applicants to be fully responsive to the prior Office Action issued by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe the applicable rejections have been overcome and all claims remaining in the application are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at (206) 292-8600 if the Examiner believes that an interview might be useful for any reason.

CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Please credit any overpayment to the same deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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